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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE - POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF
INJURED TO MIAMI AREA

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1. TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN MIAMI HOSPITALS CAN BE OF GREAT
POTENTIAL BENEFIT PROVIDED CAREFUL SCREENING TAKES PLACE.
THIS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY JOINT MIAMI-GUATEMALA TEAM WHO
SHOULD ASSURE THEMSELVES THAT PATIENTS ARE SELECTED ON
MEDICAL GROUNDS IDENTIFIED IN CABLE. PRESENT TREND OF
INJURIES CONSEQUENT TO EARTHQUAKE DISASTER SUGGESTS THAT
PATIENTS REQUIRING EYE SURGERY, NEUROSURGERY, RECONSTRUCTIVE
SURGERY, AND ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY REQUIRING PROSTHESES ARE
LIKELY TO BE THOSE MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT. FOLLOW-UP CARE
IN GUATEMALA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AND ASSESSED AS PART OF
SELECTION CRITERIA. BUT IDEA IS CERTAINLY WORTH EXPLORING.

2. IF SCREENING REVEALS PATIENTS WHO NEED TREATMENT IN
MIAMI, COOPERATION OF INS IN MEETING PLANES AND WAIVING
VISA AND PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MOST JUSTIFIED.
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